

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Ioan Sauciuc, et al.**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
TWO-PHASE START-UP OPERATION**

Examiner: Leonard J. Weinstein

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.